

**VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2014 MEETING**

Present: Juli Brazile, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Adria Arch.

Absent: Kathleen Bodie, Steven Byrne, Adam Chapdelaine, Andrew Fischer, Bruce Fitzsimmons, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Gordon Jamieson, John Leone, Josh Lobel, Cheryl Miller, Brucie Moulton. Angela Olszewski, Paul Schlichtman, Michael Stern.

- Because of the small number present, the **minutes** of the previous meeting were not reviewed. Juli will consult the Town Counsel regarding what constitutes a **quorum** for the Standing Committee.
- Elizabeth advised the committee that she may not be able to continue taking **minutes** much longer. Joey suggested starting doing the task in rotation while looking for someone willing to become a permanent minutes-taker.
- The **census survey** draft was discussed and further refined.
- The Human Rights Commission is thinking of doing a survey next year. Several questions were raised and briefly discussed but we did not come to any conclusions: Should the Standing Committee do a survey every year or let some other group use the census mailing for this purpose sometimes? Or do a joint survey next year? The Town Clerk does not have enough staff to separate survey returns for two groups.
- **Task Group** reports and other plans:
 - **Education:** Michael Stern is getting too busy and will step down at the end of the year; he has no co-chair. The vacancy will be advertised on the Town web page and should be advertised more widely, e.g. in the Arlington Advocate and through the schools.
 - **Environment:** Reservoir Committee did not meet last month. Spy Pond Committee is planning an event to be called “Spy Pond Splash” for May 30, 2015 with the participation of other groups like Friends of Spy Pond Park.
 - **Governance:** Candidates’ Night is scheduled for March 19, 2015 in Town Hall, which will cost \$220 for 4 hours. (We have \$2300 left that is not yet encumbered.)
 - The Standing Committee needs to know the **financial needs** of each task group (e.g, printing of Town Day handouts). At least approximate information is needed by February at the latest.
 - **Task group reports** for the Town’s annual report will be needed in December.
 - **True Story Theater** and the **Recycling** Committee are planning a workshop for about 50 people on January 31, 2015 as part of the TST grant project; also private coaching for a few of the most eager volunteers and a TST performance after the EcoFest (March 14) The workshop will be publicized through the schools.